

**REMARKS**

**A. Status of the Claims**

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 54-62 are pending. Claims 1 to 53 have been cancelled without prejudice.

**B. Response to Restriction Requirement**

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement, and stated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

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| Group I:   | Claims 1-44, drawn to a method of preparing trans-capsaicin, classified in class 554, subclass 20.  |
| Group II:  | Claims 45-52, drawn to a method of purifying trans-capsaicin, classified in class 554, subclass 20. |
| Group III: | Claims 53-62, drawn to the product trans-capsaicin, classified in class 514, subclass 622.          |

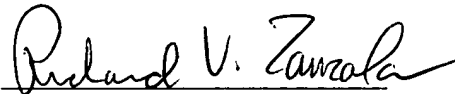
In response to restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group III, claims 64-62, drawn to the product trans-capsaicin.

**CONCLUSION**

This Response is being submitted together with a petition for a one-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). It is believed that no additional fees are due for this submission. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or that any fee has been overpaid, the Commissioner for Patents is specifically authorized to charge said fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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